Proposal for setting up of a Float Glass Project

2886. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of a float glass project based on Chinese Technology is under consideration; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken by Government therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Delta Trading Limited have submitted a composite proposal with NRI participation for the manufacture of float glass. The unit is proposed to be located at Raigarh District of Maharashtra. The proposal envisages foreign collaboration with M/s. China National Machinery and Equipment Import and Export Corporation. The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Amount for the import of liquified Petroleum Gas

2887. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer in the news item captioned "Larger LPG imports likely" which appeared in the Times of India dated 10th January, 1989 and state:

(a) what is the total amount to be spent for importing LPG in the next three years;

(b) whether Government concentrated on setting up more LPG plants in various regions of the country; and

(c) if so, which are the new places selected and what would be the total capacity of those plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The Plan for import of petroleum products including LPG is finalised every year after taking into consideration demand and production in the country. The value of these imports will also depend upon the volume and the prices prevalent in the international market at the time of actual imports. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate at this stage the amount to be spent on this account during the next three years.

(b) and (c) In order to increase the production of LPG and other petroleum products, grass root refineries at Mangalore, Karnal and Assam are proposed to be set up, besides and establishment of an LPG Recovery Plant at Bijaipur of 4 lakh tonnes of LPG per annum capacity.

Loss to Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Units in the Eastern Region

2888. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation units in the Eastern region are running at a loss even after the re-vamping of the units and also solving their technical problems;

(b) if so, what are the causes for the loss in these units; and

(c) what action Government are taking to recoup from the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.